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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A document. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed documents are attached. For the foreign patents, we have attached an abstract.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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